

**March 8, 2020**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Ross Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Randell Koon (A.M.)

Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Danny Shackelford (A.M.)

James Pilgrim (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Wayne Vandygriff (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, J C Newby, Reed Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless, Michiel Criswell

**Prepare Communion**

Karen Yancey and Juan Stroupe

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

J C Newby (03/11/20)

**OUR RECORD**

**March 1, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 128

Sunday Evening Worship: 100

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,557

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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS** Mark Lindley

The teachings of Jesus Christ have made a positive impact on the world more than the teachings of any other person. The Beatitudes are just one example of the Lord's teachings which continue to benefit those who receive them. The Beatitudes are attitudes which should "be" in the lives of Christians (Matthew 5:1-12). Each of these attitudes is vital to the Christian. However, the focus of this article is the seventh beatitude: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Since Jesus taught that peacemakers will be "blessed," we should learn how to become peacemakers.

The peace Jesus had in mind is not merely the absence of strife. A husband and wife may agree to stop arguing. However, they may continue to have resentment and bitterness in their hearts because the problem that led to the argument has not been resolved. They no longer yell at one another, but there is no true peace. The peace Jesus spoke of replaces strife with harmony, and bitterness with kindness.

Further, the peace of which Jesus spoke is not peace at any cost. The idea that peace is achieved by ignoring major disagreements, problems, or sins is not the path to peace. Jesus warned: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law" (Matthew 10:34-35). One who follows Christ may have confrontation and division with family members. If one's family tries to hinder one from following Christ, peace with unbelieving family members may not be possible. It is better to have peace with the Lord than peace with family.

True peace—peace with God—is made possible through the gospel of Christ. Scripture says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Obedience to the gospel brings the forgiveness of sins and peace with God (Colossians 1:18-21; 3:15; Ephesians 2:12-14). Then, the one who has peace with God can become a peace "maker."

To be a peacemaker, one must desire peace and actively pursue attitudes which lead to peace: humility, meekness, forgiveness, and kindness. Developing and maintaining these qualities will go a long way toward having peace with others. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:17-18).

**Udenominational Christianity**  
**George W. DeHoff**

Throughout the world are congregations of Christians who have obeyed the commands which our Blessed Lord said for sinners to obey to be saved. These Christians meet for worship and are organized into local congregations. They belong to no denomination. They have no central government or earthly headquarters. Each congregation is independent, taking the New Testament as its sole and only authority in religion. The members insist that if we believe the same things the early Christians did, it will make us the same thing. Paul was a member of no denomination, yet he was a Christian and a member of the Lord's Church. The church of Christ was established on Pentecost day, A.D. 33, as we read in Acts 2. Every saved person was added to the church (Acts 2:47), thus the church is composed of all Christians on earth, and every saved person is in it. The members of the church were called "Christians" (Acts 11:26), a name which the Lord gave (Isa. 62:2). All names of human origin are condemned (1 Cor 1:12-13; Acts 4:12).

"The Word of God is the seed of the Kingdom" (Lk. 8:11). This seed produced Christians when first planted. If we plant the same seed today, we will reap the same product. The life is in the seed. If there were not a Christian on earth today, you might become one by believing, repenting, confessing your faith in Christ, and being baptized. If there were not a church of Christ on earth, we might start one by obeying the gospel the apostles preached. Paul went to Corinth and preached the Gospel and "many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Paul later addressed them as the "church of God" and "the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 1:2, 12:27).

Nineteen centuries have passed since the beginning of the church, but we still have the same truth. We have today the same church unchanged in name, doctrine, organization, faith, and practice. We dare not use any creed except the New Testament (2 John 9). We must not add to our worship any doctrine or commandment of man (Mt. 15:9). Our plea is for unity – not simply union in diversity – but for all time on the platform given in God's Word (Eph 4:4-6). We plead no merit of our own – only the merit of Christ's shed blood and of His holy Word. The New Testament is the inspired Word of God and is superior to any human confession of faith (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Will you not join with us in standing on the solid rock of God's Word?

"The churches of Christ salute you" - Romans 6:16b.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING**  
**March 15 – 18, 2020**  
**Guest Speaker: Adam Miller**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:**  
*Fellowship Meal to Follow*

**2:00 p.m. Sunday Evening**

**7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James Burns & Wade Crawford.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jo Chapman, Patti Hall, Wilma Wood, Mickey Chandler

•**Surgery:** Larry Wood (March 6)

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman  
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\*Nashville Tornado Victims

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison (Treatments), Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), **Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).